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Claim 13 (currently amended) The letter opener writing instrument device pocket clip cutting element unit, as recited in Claim 11, further comprising a stopper wherein said stopper is functionally attached to said case between said cutting element and said second end of said pocket clip arm, therein limiting accessibility to said cutting element.

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Amended Amendment follows.

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